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SUBJECT: Scheduling of National Level Intelligence Estimates and Memorandums (U)

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ANALYSIS PERSPECTIVE,
BUT A USEFUL
DISCUSSION FROM DCI'S
COMMAND VIEWPOINT*

TO: Mr. E. H. Knoche
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